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Dear Commissioners:

I have had the privilege of living in Ventura County all of my adult life. I graduated from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, lived in the City of Ventura for many years and have lived in Simi Valley for the last 23 years.

I have served on the board of directors of many community organizations, including the United Way of Ventura County, the Ventura County Economic Development Association, and the Greater Los Angeles/Ventura Building Industry Association. I have also conducted business throughout all of Southern California.

Due to my longstanding commitment to my community, I am very interested in the process you are undertaking to draw new lines for our congressional and legislative districts.

First and foremost, since Ventura County as whole, seems to match the size necessary for a congressional district, I would like to encourage you to keep Ventura County together in one congressional district.

Second, I believe it is very important to keep East Ventura County together in a State Assembly District. This would consist of the communities of Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and the Santa Rosa Valley. These communities are directly linked by geography, by business, by hillsides, by transportation corridors and by our more rural lifestyles. If more population is necessary for this Assembly district I would suggest you look to the Northwest San Fernando Valley communities of Chatsworth and

Porter Ranch as they have the most in common with East Ventura County.

Last, as a Simi Valley resident, I would like to see my State Senate District reflect the communities I most identify with in East Ventura County, the Northwest San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley. The coastal communities of West Ventura County and up in to Santa Barbara would be better represented by different Assembly and Senate Districts.

It is important that residents and businesses have fair representation, and one based on common goals and similar issues. I trust that you will take my comments in to consideration. Thank you for your work on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

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